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SUBJ: GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. I TOLD VLACHOS MAR 8 AT LUNCH I WAS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE HARD LINE BEING TAKEN BY
THE GREEK MILITARY TOWARDS TURKEY. HE CONFESSED THEY ARE
IN FACT TAKING A VERY HARD LINE, PARTICULARLY ON THE OIL
EXPLORATION ISSUE. HE SAID THAT HE HAS HAD TO REMIND THEM
THAT TURKEY COULD OCCUPY A SERIES OF GREEK ISLES QUICKLY
AND EASILY AND THEN USE THEM TO EXTORT CONCESSIONS. HE
REMINDED THEM THAT GREEK HISTORY SHOWED GREECE HELPLESS
WITHOUT FOREIGN FRIENDS--CITING THE BATTLE OF NAVARINO,
1863, 1912, 1922 AND 1967.

2. I INTERJECTED THAT THE US ATTACHED THE HIGHEST
IMPORTANCE TO GOG-GOT FRIENDSHIP AND THAT GREEK MILITARY
SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE US WOULD TAKE A DIM VIEW OF
GREEK EFFORTS TO APPLY MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST TURKEY
BECAUSE IT WOULD THREATEN VITAL NATO SECURITY INTERESTS
IN THIS AREA. VLACHOS AGREED, ADDING THAT HE HAS

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BEEN PUSHING HARD THE POINT OF VIEW THAT DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE
ICJ. THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY IS THAT GOG SUBMITTED
MEMO TO GOT WHICH HAS REPLIED IN A NOTE WHICH IS UNDER
STUDY.

3. VLACHOS SAID IT VITAL TURKEY AND GREECE LEARN TO
LIVE TOGETHER PEACEFULLY AND FORGET THE PAST. IN FACT
THE TWO PEOPLES LIKED EACH OTHER INDIVIDUALLY AND
UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER AFTER MANY CENTURIES OF COHABITATION.
PROBLEM WAS OFFICERS CAME FROM THE VILLAGES, HAD LITTLE
POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND UNAWARE OF GREECE'S TRUE STRENGTH.
HOWEVER, HE CONTINUES HOPEFUL THAT ONCE MILITARY HAS LET
OFF STEAM A REASONABLE POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE TURKS ON
THIS ISSUE CAN BE WORKED OUT.

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